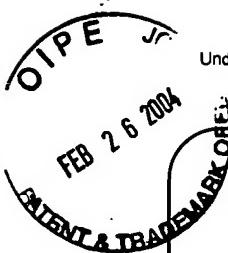


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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<i>Filing Date</i>	February 13, 2002
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<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Ken Shoji et al.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1615
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	36427-176973

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.22-0261
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 1,190.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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**AMENDMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SUBMISSION
FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of January 20, 2004, which is a reply to Applicants' amendments/remarks dated December 24, 2003, which in turn is a response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 26, 2003, Applicants have decided to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Kindly please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of the paper.

A check in the amount of \$420 is enclosed to cover two-month of extension of time fee for submission of this amendment/remark. If additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor and any other fee deficiency are hereby authorized to be charged, any overpayments credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.